

# RED SHORES HARNESS RACING

## STRANGLES - THE NEXT STEPS

Strangles Protocols – R1

March 2021



**RED SHORES**  
**RACETRACK & CASINO**  
AT CHARLOTTETOWN DRIVING PARK

Red Shores' mission is to provide a safe venue for our equine athletes, tenants, staff and fans to participate and enjoy harness racing for the 2021 season. Working closely with the Atlantic Veterinary College, Atlantic Provinces Harness Racing Commission and attending veterinarians, this plan will outline bio-security measures and protocols that are in place for those stabled onsite and those who are shipping in to our Red Shores locations for training or race day.

## BIOSECURITY MEASURES

Currently at Red Shores Charlottetown, there are Virkon boot wash stations, disinfectant and hand sanitizer in every stabling barn, including the test and ship in barns.

A list of essential employees has been established to limit the movement among the barns. This is being monitored and enforced by Red Shores Security and a Bio-Security Officer.

Each trainer has been in contact with their veterinarian and those with current + PCR values have developed and implemented isolation plans for all horses within their stable.

Daily monitoring/recording of horses for cough, nasal discharge, change in appetite and regular temperature checks have been implemented to identify early signs of **Strangles** and to develop and implement isolation plans, as necessary.

Red Shores has hired a Bio-Security Officer who will be onsite to monitor and enforce all protocols. This officer will have the authority to issue warnings, fines and, in severe cases, trespass notifications for any persons(s) who disregard protocols or endangers the well-being of any animals onsite.

## TRAINER EQUINE HEALTH VERIFICATION

A formal document will need to be completed and signed by the listed trainer for any horse intending to return to Red Shores property for stabling, training or racing purposes.

These forms will be available at the Race Office and on the Red Shores Website through the Horsemen's Info link.

This verification will include the horse(s) name and ID number, trainer's name and contact number(s), current stabling details along with several screening questions pertaining to Strangles and the bacteria that causes it, Streptococcal equi.

These verifications will be confidential and kept on file with Red Shores Race Office.

## RETURNING TO RED SHORES STABLES

For tenants currently stabled off Red Shores property wanting to return to their assigned stall(s), you will be required to provide two (2) negative naso-pharyngeal wash culture tests for Streptococcal equi. The last test will have to be performed within three (3) weeks of your anticipated return date. This will also apply to future tenants until further notice. Only current tenants (as of March 1, 2021) will have the cost of the Streptococcal equi culture tests covered.

Once you have received your results, you will need to submit them to the race office along with a Trainer Equine

Health Verification to be reviewed. Trainers will be provided with written approval, listing the date of return and the name(s) of the horse(s) permitted to return.

This written approval will need to be presented to Security upon arrival in order to gain access to the grounds.

## RETURNING TO RED SHORES SHIP-IN

In order to ship in, trainers will be required to provide two (2) negative naso-pharyngeal wash culture tests and a Trainer Equine Health Verification form to the Race Office.

With an approved waiver, if you are coming from a stable with NO strangles cases, you will be permitted to begin training as soon as the first culture negative results are submitted to the Race Office. The second culture results will need to be submitted within seven to fourteen days of the first ship in date.

## STABLE WITH CLINICALLY POSITIVE STRANGLES

If you are shipping in from a stable with a clinically positive case of Strangles, you will be required to submit two (2) negative naso-pharyngeal wash culture tests and a completed Trainer Equine Health Verification, prior to ship in.

## HORSE WITH CLINICAL STRANGLES (STABLE / SHIP-IN)

If you currently have a horse with a clinical case of Strangles, you will be required to provide three (3) negative naso-pharyngeal washes one week apart, with the last test being a PCR negative result in order to be granted permission to access the Red Shores property.

## RESULTS & VERIFICATIONS

Once results and waivers are on file with the Race Office, Trainers will be required to contact the Race Office to request track training time. Trainers will need to provide names of any essential persons and names of all horses travelling with them each day they enter.

Please allow at least 24 hours for proper approval process. Racing Coordinator will contact trainers with assigned stalls and dedicated training time. Please respect your allotted stalls and time.

## SHIP-IN / OUT PROCESS

The Race Office will provide a daily list to Security. Absolutely no alterations to approved personnel or horses will be permitted at the gate.

When arriving for ship in, trucks will pull into the ENTRANCE (gate closest to paddock barn) on Park Street, stop at the security checkpoint and provide names of individuals in the vehicle. Security will verify against approved entry list.

Trucks/trailers will pull out using the same gate as when they arrived - going through the security checkpoint again. Horses will be loaded onto trailers. Trucks/trailers will exit through the gate they previously entered through.

All persons using the ship in area are required to clean up after themselves. Spray bottles of hand sanitizer and Virkon will be available to allow for all cross ties to be disinfected after use as well as bath stall hoses and handles. Red Shores will ensure the ship in is disinfected regularly as a precautionary measure until further notice.

*Protocols are also applicable to Red Shores Summerside under operation by Prince County Horsemen's Club.*